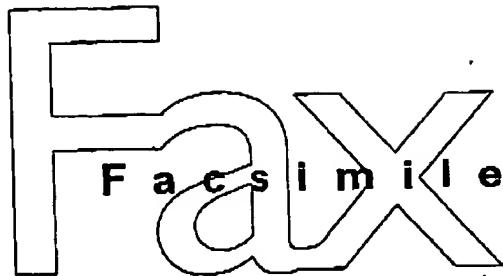


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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004 and for which a response was due on June 30, 2004. A petition for a one month extension and the appropriate fee is attached to this response. If, however, such petition for extension of time is missing please consider this paper such a petition. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0369 in connection with any fees for extension of time that are necessary to permit entry of this response.

Please consider the amendments and remarks set forth herein below.